

**Observing May 29, 2006 as
Memorial Day in Franklin County**

WHEREAS, since 1868 the United States has recognized the last Monday of May as Memorial Day; a federal holiday which initially honored Union soldiers who died during the Civil War; and,

WHEREAS, after World War I, Memorial Day expanded to include every individual who died in war or military action; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the course of American history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain the principles upon which our nation's freedoms depend; and,

WHEREAS, there have been 1,090,200 military casualties in the U.S. since the American Revolution; and,

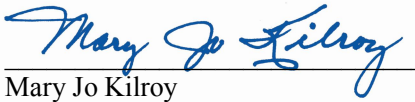
WHEREAS, today, there are more than 26 million living veterans who served our nation in times of peace and war and many of them willingly entered into harm's way to fight for our freedoms; and,

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day, we pause to observe the sacrifices of all those who have put themselves in harm's way to serve in the United States military and today the Franklin County Board of Commissioners wants to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the Franklin County employees who have served, or are serving, in the United States military; now therefore, upon motion of Commissioner Stokes, seconded by Commissioner Kilroy,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to our employees who are called to active military duty as members of the National Guard or Military Reserves and will provide payment of wages to those County employees that was set forth in Resolution 866-96.
2. The Board of County Commissioners will honor the families of those county employees who are called up to active military duty of the National Guard or Military Reserves by continuing the employees' county health and life insurance benefits as defined by the County benefits plan for the duration of such employees' active military service under this provision.
3. Employees on active duty leave under this provision shall receive seniority for the time spent in active duty and shall receive any raises as if they were in active employment status.

Voting Aye thereon:


Mary Jo Kilroy


Dewey R. Stokes


Paula Brooks, President

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

ATTEST
CLERK: 

ADOPTED May 29, 2006